

Newsletter

July-August 2013

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

DOG WASTE STATIONS AND YARD WASTE PICKUP

#1: DOG WASTE STATIONS ARE NOT FOR OTHER TRASH

While we are pleased that residents are helping to keep the courts free of litter, we need to ask everyone to please refrain from placing fast food bags and other trash (most of it apparently from cars driving by) into the small trash cans attached to the dog waste stations along Overlook Drive. These trash cans are only picked up once per week and only hold a limited amount of waste, so please reserve them for dog waste as they are intended.

#2: YARD WASTE PICKUPS ARE EVERY OTHER FRIDAY

Palmatary's has extended our yard waste pickups to every other week through the spring, summer, and autumn months to meet our needs; however, residents continue to put out yard waste on Tuesdays and on the Fridays when yard waste is not scheduled for pickup.

The updated trash collection calendar from Palmatary's is attached to this newsletter for your convenience. In addition, every edition of the newsletter includes a calendar highlighting the dates for trash pickup, recycling pickup, and yard waste pickup.

UPDATED INFORMATION: What Counts as Yard Waste?

Yard waste collection **includes** the following:

- Tree trimmings: tied and bundled in 4 foot lengths and no thicker than 3" in diameter
- Leaves: bagged in paper bags or placed in a can — **no plastic bags**
- Shrub clippings: tied and bundled in 4 foot lengths and no thicker than 3" in diameter
- Weeds & minimal grass clippings: bagged in paper bags or placed in a can — **no plastic bags**

Yard waste collection **does not include** the following:

- Tree removal
- Dirt, stones, rocks, concrete, steel or iron
- Lawn items, such as landscape edging materials, garden and lawn decorations or border fencing
- Wood products, such as fencing, furniture or landscaping wood

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Palmatary's at 302-652-2270.



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Landscaping Provider Issues

At our June meeting, Council reviewed ongoing issues with our current landscaping provider, including the frequency of service, recent damage to the grounds and property, and a historic lack of response to our concerns. We have had annual meetings with our landscaper since our contract began in 2011, and we put them on notice at our meeting last fall to improve their service or risk losing the relationship.

Instead, our service appears to have declined further, including clumps of grass being left behind, clippings being blown into our flower beds (resulting in weeds and grass needing to be removed more often) and the aforementioned damage to one of our recently-installed dog-waste stations.

As a result, we are currently exploring options for a mid-year replacement for our landscaping provider, while simultaneously making our current provider aware of the increasingly poor performance we are receiving. Aspen is monitoring the issue and has met with the vendor several times, and we will keep our unit owners and residents informed as the situation is resolved, one way or the other.

2013 Roof Replacements Update

Aspen notified us in June that a price increase advisory has been issued for roofing materials, expected to occur in the August/September time frame, of at least 5% but which could be as high as 20%. With 12 roofs to be done this year, and 8 of them tentatively scheduled in August and beyond, that could represent anywhere from a \$600 to a \$2,400 increase in our costs.

As a result, Council voted to schedule all 12 of this year's roofs for completion in the month of July to beat the increased costs. You can expect to see the following units receiving new roofs over a 2 week period beginning in mid-July, weather permitting:

West Court: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12

Center Court: 118, 120, 122, 124

East Court: 213, 215

Windows and Heavy Rain

We've recently discovered that one of a unit owner's second floor windows was leaking slightly around the edges during heavy rains, resulting in what appeared to be leaks in the roof of the dining room bumpout (on a non-balcony unit).

If your windows are more than 10 years old (or even newer, just to be safe), you may want to inspect them to ensure that they haven't settled and/or were installed properly and that there is no way water (or, in the winter months, cold air) can get in. If you find a spot where air can blow through, caulking the area can protect your home from damage and help save you on energy bills. Full instructions to properly identify and correct these issues can be found on numerous sites online.

Welcome to Beacon Hill!

Council would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest unit owner, Jeffrey Ickes of 205 East Court. Welcome to the neighborhood!

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Trash and Recycling

Trash pick-up occurs each Tuesday morning and Recycling pick-up occurs each Friday morning, unless impacted by a holiday. See calendars on page 4 for exact schedule.

Yard waste pick-up dates for 2013 are listed below and generally occur every other Friday with recycling pickup. Please plan accordingly.

The upcoming yard waste dates are:

July 12	September 6	November 1	December 20
July 26	September 20	November 13	January 10*
August 9	October 4	November 22	
August 23	October 18	December 6	

*also Christmas Tree pickup

Scheduled Meeting Dates

Council meetings are generally held at 6:30 pm on the last Tuesday of the month. Agendas, including discussion items and location, will be distributed/mailed no less than 14 days prior to the meeting date each month. Scheduled meeting dates appear on the monthly calendars on page 4.

Unit Owners are encouraged to attend our Council meetings. You are also welcome to submit agenda items to the Council for consideration.

Help Us Protect Our Planet

If you would like to opt-in to receive your meeting announcements and newsletters via e-mail instead of receiving a paper version, please e-mail your request (from the e-mail account you would like used as your contact point) to our Secretary Virginia Mas at vmass.bhtc@gmail.com.

Community Calendars

July	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Trash Day	3	4 Independence Day	5 Recycling Day	6
	7	8	9 Ramadan Begins Trash Day	10	11	12 Yard Waste & Recycling Day	13
	14	15	16 Trash Day	17	18	19 Recycling Day	20
	21	22	23 Trash Day	24	25	26 Yard Waste & Recycling Day	27
	28	29	30 BHTC Council Meeting* Trash Day	31			

August	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Recycling Day	3
	4	5	6 Trash Day	7	8	9 Yard Waste & Recycling Day	10
	11	12	13 Trash Day	14	15	16 Recycling Day	17
	18	19	20 Trash Day	21	22	23 Yard Waste & Recycling Day	24
	25	26	27 BHTC Council Meeting* Trash Day	28	29	30 Recycling Day	31

* Meeting dates are tentative and subject to change. See distributed agendas for actual dates/times.

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Suggestions for a newsletter article? Let us know at bhtcfeedback@gmail.com!

2013 Palmatary's Collection Schedule - NW1

Barkley, Beacon Hill, Beacon Hill Condos, Brandywood, Channin, Clermont, Dartmouth Woods, Deerhurst, Ebright Road, Londonderry Townhouses, Shipley Road, Silverside Road, Veterans Lane & Winterset Farms

H Holiday	T Trash Collection	R Recycling Collection	R&Y Recycling <u>AND</u> Yard Waste Collection
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July, 2013

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	T	3	H	R	6
7	8	T	10	11	R&Y	13
14	15	T	17	18	R	20
21	22	T	24	25	R&Y	27
28	29	T	31			

August, 2013

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	R	3
4	5	T	7	8	R&Y	10
11	12	T	14	15	R	17
18	19	T	21	22	R&Y	24
25	26	T	28	29	R	31

September, 2013

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	H	3	T	5	R&Y	7
8	9	T	11	12	R	14
15	16	T	18	19	R&Y	21
22	23	T	25	26	R	28
29	30					

October, 2013

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		T	2	3	R&Y	5
6	7	T	9	10	R	12
13	14	T	16	17	R&Y	19
20	21	T	23	24	R	26
27	28	T	30	31		

November, 2013

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					R&Y	2
3	4	T	6	7	R	9
10	11	T	13	14	R&Y	16
17	18	T	20	21	R&Y	23
24	25	T	27	H	R	30

December, 2013

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	T	4	5	R&Y	7
8	9	T	11	12	R	14
15	16	T	18	19	R&Y	21
22	23	T	H	26	R	28
29	30	T				

January, 2014

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			H	2	R	4
5	6	T	8	9	R&Y	11
12	13	T	15	16	R	18
19	20	T	22	23	R&Y	25
26	27	T	29	30	R	

February, 2014

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	T	5	6	R	8
9	10	T	12	13	R	15
16	17	T	19	20	R	22
28	24	T	26	27	R	

March, 2014

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	T	5	6	R	8
9	10	T	12	13	R	15
16	17	T	19	20	R	22
28 / 30	24 / 31	T	26	27	R	29

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off - Household Hazardous Waste Can be dropped **FREE OF CHARGE**

Every Wednesday at the Delaware Recycling Center, 1101 Lambsons Lane, New Castle from **10 am to 2 pm**.

Electronic Goods Drop-off Sites - Electronic Goods can be dropped at these sites **FREE OF CHARGE**



Delaware Recycling Center at 1101 Lambsons Lane, New Castle

Pine Tree Corner Transfer Station at 273 Pine Tree Corner Rd, Townsend

Household Hazardous Waste, Shredding & Electronic Events

Saturday, July 6th St. Anne's Episcopal School, 211 Silver Lake Road, Middletown, 8 to 4

Saturday, Oct 5th Frawley Stadium Parking Lot, 801 S. Madison St., Wilmington, 8 to 4

Saturday, Sept 7th Delaware Recycling Center, 1101 Lambsons Lane, New Castle, 8 to 4

Saturday, Dec 7th U of D, Former Chrysler Plant, 550 S. College Ave, Newark, 8 to 4